Paull, Florence Virginia, Miss

[Museum of Fine Arts,

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MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS
BOSTON, MASS.

May 21st

Dear Mr. Wood –

I have a few coins of my own which I wish to dispose of if they have any value also some fractional currency. Can you tell me of a good reliable man to go to here in the city?

I hope that you will come & see me when you are next in Boston because I am now getting my various

collections into shape & I would like to ask you some questions if I may.

Sincerely yours

Florence V. Paull

May 24, 1913.

Miss Florence V. Paull,
Museum of Fine Arts,
Boston, Massachusetts.

Dear Miss Paull:-

Your favor of May 21st at hand, and I am very glad to hear from you. I think the best place for you to dispose of what coins you have and fractional currency would be at Kendrick's Money Exchange, 214 Washington Street. In fact, that is about the only place in Boston where you can get much of anything for them. Just when I will get up to the museum I cannot tell, but you can rest assured that I will come up there the first opportunity. If any question comesup, that you think I can answer, just drop me a line and I will be more than glad to do what I can.

Very truly,

MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS
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Nov. 22d

Dear Mr. Wood-

I wonder if you are coming to Boston next week? If you are, would you come to see me about our duplicate coins which we wish to have valued? Dr. Stover says that there is to be a meeting of Numismatists at his office on the 28th and that they would all be glad to see you if you are in town.

Can you tell me of any person here in Boston who is honest and also knows the values of coins, should you not be able to look them over for us?

Sincerely yours
Florence V. Paull

November 24th, 1913.

Miss Florence V. Paull,
Museum of Fine Arts,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Miss Paull:-

Your letter just at hand. I doubt if I get up to Boston before Spring. As for valuing the duplicate coins in the museum, I hardly think what to say. Mr. H. E. Morey, 41 Washington Street, Boston, Mass., would give you as fair valuation as any one I know of. He is a dealer, and would make some charge. If you want to sell the coins, I would not give them to him. He is all right enough, but he is such slow pay that you would be forever getting your money. Mr. Thomas L. Elder, 32 East 23rd Street, New York City, would be the best man to sell them. He would, if you wish, put them in an auction sale.

I remain,

Very truly,

MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS
BOSTON, MASS.

Jan. 1st, 1915

Dear Mr. Wood.

I have about $80. to spend for coins. How would you suggest I should use it? Are there any especially fine European coins that I ought to have; or would it be better to get a medal or two? It won't go very far but I want to use it soon. The regular issues we are fairly well supplied with & for an art museum they are not of great importance. What ought I to pay for Parthian, Sassanian, Arabic & Byzantine coins? I am rather inclined to buy these as I have only a few Arabic

about 25 Byzantine gold, and no Parthian or Sassanian.
any help will be much appreciated.
With best wishes for the New year,

Sincerely yours
Florence Parrish

Why not pick up Renaissance Italian & Roman coins.
Henry Chapman has a lot of Byzantine gold.
Thos A Elder in Jan. will sell a lot of Sassanian & Parthian coins - write him for cat.
Parthian small mint 100 up. V.G. 30 up
large bit about 1.00
Sassanian Early. 100 & 110 Ea
Later 30 - 75
Write E. T. Newell for arabic etc.

Jan. 6, 1915.

Miss Florence V. Paul
Museum of Fine Arts,
Boston,
Mass.

My dear Miss Paul:-

Your letter received and the questions you ask are rather hard to answer. I could outline a lot of coins and medals that you ought to have, but the question would be, where to pick them up. I suppose that you would be governed to some extent from the artistic stand-point, of coins and if your collection is weak in Italian and German coins from fourteen to seventeen hundred, it would be well worth while to get some good examples of these. Probably Mr. Henry Chapman., 1348 Pine Street, Philadelphia has the best stock of these.

You state however that you have a leaning towards Parthian, Byzantine and other Eastern coins. Henry Chapman, has I think, quite a stock of Byzantine gold. Mr. Thomas L. Elder, 32 East 23rd Street, New York, will sell in an auction sale in January a number of Sassanian and Parthian coins, and I would advise you to write to him for a catalogue of this sale, which will be out shortly.

The Parthian small coins and mint condition should sell for a dollar and upwards, in very good shape, from thirty cents up. There will also be a few larger ones of some of the later rulers that are worth somewheresfaround a dollar each. Of the Sassanian coins, the earlier ones are worth a dollar to a dollar and a half, and the later ones from thirty to seventy-five cents each.

Mr. Newell, Hotel Plaza, New York, a collector, has a number of duplicates of Arabic coins which, if you write to him, he will send you on approval.

I remain,

Very truly yours,

MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS
BOSTON, MASS.

Jan. 13th 15.

My dear Mr. Wood -

Thank you so much for your letter of the 6th inst. I hope to be in New York early next month and shall try to get up to see you before doing anything about purchasing new coins.

Very truly yours
Florence N. Paull

MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS
BOSTON, MASS.

March 11th

Dear Mr. Hood –

I am making an effort to get our coin collection into better shape and I would like to know whether you put all the coins of a country of one date together, or whether you put the denominations together. I suppose there is an arrangement which is recognized as the correct one by coin collectors, isn't there? Thanking you for the information, I am

Very truly yours
Florence N. Paull

March 21, 1916.

Miss Florence V. Paulls
Museum of Fine Arts,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Miss Paulls:-

You have asked a question which as far as I know, there has been no definite arrangement decided upon. Each Collector and Museum arranges their coins moreorless according to their fancy or convenience. Here we do both ways, determining our choice more or less according to the series. U. S. coins not being divided up by rulers, are invariably arranged according to denominations, thus, dollar altogether, then half dollars, etc. This saves room and also makes the coins fall into evener rows. With most foreign coins I have been arranging them by dates, starting with the larger denomination first. Some collectors put all their gold together and all their silver together and so on, but I do not like this order.

I think the way we do it would, for the most part, work out with you best.

Very truly yours,